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Applicants: MICHAEL T. ANSAY ET AL
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For: SUBMARINE AIR BAG LAUNCH ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit: 3641
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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.181(a)

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 06 December 2004 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment was based on failure to respond to an Office Action mailed on 2 April 2004.

Applicants request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment because Applicants never received this Office Action. Applicants routinely date stamp and track all correspondence from the United States Patent Office. Correspondence is tracked by entering the correspondence on an application file folder and in a database. There is no record of this correspondence on either the application file folder or in the database. A copy of the file folder cover is provided for your reference. Private PAIR did not provide notice of the missed correspondence because this application was not properly associated with Applicants' customer

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number. Applicants' first awareness of their failure to respond to this Office Action occurred on 3 December 2004 when it was observed that a Notice of Abandonment was being sent in Private PAIR.


The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.181(a) has been unintentional. Applicants' respectively authorize the USPTO to charge the Petition fee against Deposit Account No. 14-0590.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully requested that the USPTO withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The Response to the Office Letter is transmitted with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,
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22 December 2004

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Response to the Office Letter of 2 April 2004